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SUBJECT: ABU SHAWARIB RESIGNATION

1. SANA RADIO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 23, ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF LTC ABU SHAWARIB FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMAND COUNCIL AND FROM HIS POST AS GOVERNOR OF HAJJA

PROVINCE. RADIO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT HAMDI HAS APPOINTED A NEW GOVERNOR OF HAJJA.

2. COMMENT: THIS FORMAL RESIGNATION COMES AT THE END OF SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTENSE BEHIND-THE-SCENES MANEUVERINGS AND PALAVERS BETWEEN AL-HAMDI ON THE ONE HAND AND SHAIKH JWDULLAH AL-AHMAR (ABU SHAWARIB'S BROTHER-IN-LAW) ON THE OTHER. WHILE THERE WAS NOT DOUBT ABOUT THE FINAL OUTCOME, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT AL-HAMDI WISHED TO PROCEED IN A CAUTIOUS AND CONCILIATORY MANNER HOPING TO AVOID AN OPEN CONFRONTATION. THERE ARE WIDESPREAD RUMORS HOWEVER, THAT THE END ABU SHAWARIB HAD TO BE FORCEABLY EVICTED FROM HAJJA AND THAT AL-AHMAR WAS OBLIGED TO OFFER HIM REFPGE. IT NOW APPEARS THAT ABU SHAWARIB FLL SOON DEPART EITHER ON "VACATION" OR ON A DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT. MEANWHILE, HAMDI CURRENTLY FACES
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IMMEDIATE THREATS FROM EITHER THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT

AND THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR HIM AND HIS SUPPORTERS TO
BEGIN FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOALS OF THE JUNE
13TH CORRECTIVE MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS GENERATED A GREAT
DEAL OF POPULAR SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY.

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